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Lets resolve the microsoft issues. We need to warn microsoft that they should not infringe on others or prevent competition. The government should be reasonable regarding the fine and close all Microsoft legal problems. See attachmentr.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

After three long years of antitrust lawsuit court battles, Microsoft and the government have a settlement that has profound implications for all software publishers, the rest of the computer industry and consumers. By ending this case, the government is freeing this innovative giant to create more jobs. That's good for our lagging economy.

Under the agreement, computer manufacturers were granted new rights to configure systems with various Windows features hidden or removed to make competing, non-Microsoft software more prominent. Microsoft must also design future versions of Windows to make it easier for users to install non-Microsoft software. Finally, it is obliged to disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows.

The agreement goes far beyond the original issues in the lawsuit, but Microsoft agreed to it just to get the legal hassles over with. If we have solved problems with the agreement that we never set out to solve in the first place, there is clearly no need for further federal action after the agreement's approval.

Sincerely,

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